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Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hello, Everyone,

I realize that this newsletter comes close on the heels of the special report regarding the future of the old scholars association. However, as we have discontinued printing the annual magazine this newsletter is intended to cover those items normally included in the magazine. These include the reports on the annual luncheon and the IB scholarship winners, together with the notices regarding the annual general meeting and coming events..

I appreciate the positive feedback that I have received regarding the committee actions as outlined in the special report, particularly with regard to the importance of maintaining the IB scholarships to commemorate ATHS.

The ongoing relationship between the Blue and Gold Alumni Association and GIHS needs to be addressed at my next liaison visit with the principal, Wendy Johnson. I forwarded a copy of the report to Wendy and in response she wrote: "The recommendations that you have made look to me to be most appropriate for where things are at the moment. We are happy to continue to support the Old Scholars in any way we can that will be useful from your perspective and manageable for our perspective".

As the 2018 History Festival is to be conducted in in May, we made a tentative booking of Brookman Hall for the last weekend of May 2018 and submitted an application to the History Trust of South Australia for a grant to cover part of the costs of the planned celebrations of the Centenary of the naming of Adelaide Technical High School. Unfortunately the bid was unsuccessful.

Wendy has offered full support for the planned celebration of the centenary and a joint committee is to be set up in February involving the association, the GIHS Governing Council and GIHS staff to plan the detailed activities.

As there are a number of logistical problems associated with using Brookman Hall, it is expected that the official social functions and displays will be conducted at Glenunga, along similar lines to that used for the launch of the Blue and Gold Alumni Association in 2015. However, it is appreciated that many old scholars have fond memories of the Brookman Building, and we hope to include conducted tours in the programme.

We will keep you advised.

Cheers

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ANNUAL LUNCHEON 2017

The Blue and Gold Alumni Association Annual Luncheon was held at Tiros Restaurant at Regency Park TAFE on Wednesday, 11 October 2017. The guest of honour was Mr George Beltchev, GIHS Governing Council chair.

As cost has been a deterrent to some members, the committee working party made up of Tom Frossinakis, Warren West and Sue Thomson are to be commended for finding a suitable economic venue for the 2017 luncheon. For the luncheon we did not have a fixed menu or on alternate drop but the choice of two mains and two deserts all for a cost of \$30.



The main disappointment was the poor response to this amazing offer with only 31 old scholars and 6 guests attending. This fell well short of the minimum number of 60 required to have a guaranteed private dining facility. Consequently, the restaurant was open to the public and we were not allowed to decorate the tables nor to have speeches as has been normal practice at past lunches.

The main criticism was the long delay between taking our orders and the serving of the meal, however, the net result was that by the time we had finished our dessert, the public diners had all departed and the president was able to invite George Beltchev to speak about the current activities and plans of the GIHS Governing Council, which was most interesting.

Overall, the food was excellent and an enjoyable time was had by all.



More photos will be posted on website

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE SCHOLARSHIPS

Each year, the job of awarding the Blue and Gold Alumni Association Scholarships for the IB Diploma becomes increasingly difficult. This comes about, not because of any lack of candidates, but because the committee representatives must choose the most deserving from a field in which any one of the students would be a worthy recipient. The committee representatives for 2017 were Ian Saunders and Mark Brindal.

As usual, selection was greatly assisted by the work of staff members at Glenunga and the committee would like to thank those involved. Casper Buisman, a senior member of staff, coordinates the applications and short-listing and acts as an advisory third panel member. We particularly acknowledge and thank him for his advice and efforts. The successful candidates were Evdokia Papastamouli and Daniel Viljoen.

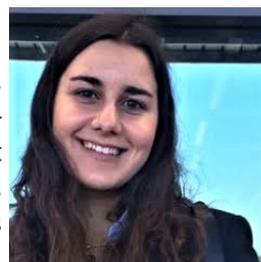
Short biographies

Evdokia Papastamouli is a Greek-Australian student who was born in Thessaloniki, Greece. Most of her education was completed in Greece, where she attended a Greek-American college while attaining a scholarship. In Greece, she took English, Greek, Ancient Greek and French lessons, and travelled to many countries, including England, France, Spain. These experiences enriched her appreciation for different cultures and languages as well as inspired her passion for politics and international affairs.

These have resulted in her participation in many extracurricular activities, including MUN (Model United Nations), where she came 3rd overall in the entire school. Her free time is mostly dedicated to volunteering, playing sports mostly for leisure, writing, travelling, learning new languages (Spanish and Japanese), watching films, reading books or planning for the future.

In 2016, at the age of fourteen, Evdokia and her family moved to Adelaide, Australia. There she attended Norwood Morialta High School, where she completed year nine in less than a term and was accepted to an advanced program, called 10ex.

Evdokia was accepted at Glenunga International High School, where she will get to complete the IB, one of her goals since she was very young, thanks to the prestigious scholarship of the Blue and Gold Alumni Association. After graduating high school, she will go on to attend university where she will study law and political science. Interestingly, her favourite book, *To Kill a Mockingbird*, which she read in primary school, inspired her to make this career path one of her lifetime goals. Evdokia also hopes to become a member of both the IB and the Blue and Gold Alumni Association, so she can inspire the Glenunga's next generation of students so passing to them the inspiration by the opportunity offered to her.

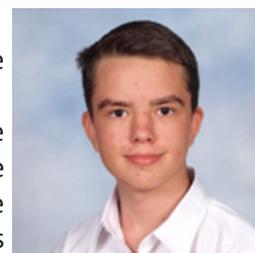


Daniel Viljoen was born in Pretoria, South Africa on the 21st of December 2001. He is the 14th generation of the Viljoen family in South Africa.

In 2007 his family moved to North Cyprus looking for more significant opportunities. He completed reception in a Turkish-English bilingual school. This experience did give him the opportunity to improve his English. However, after only a year, it was decided to move back to South Africa as his parents believed there would now be even more opportunities for him there.

He commenced primary school at Loreto School, Queenswood where he improved his general schooling and made many new friends. That time was, however, tinged with sadness. In 2011 his father died of cancer after a three year struggle. In 2012, Daniel with his remaining family members moved to Australia so that his mother could undertake and complete her PhD in Adelaide. Her studies remained a significant focus in the family and particularly for Daniel.

It was this focus on scholarship that, in 2014, helped him to be successful in gaining a place in the accelerated IGNITE classes at Glenunga International High School. The program thus improved his results in most subjects. These results created the impetus for him to see the IB program as a means to improving his opportunities, becoming more involved in the school's extra-curricular activities and contributing to the sense of internationalism so important to the school's successes. He is very grateful to the school for providing a pathway that led him to applying for an IB Scholarship and now for actually having succeeded in being granted one for his future progress.



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 18 MARCH 2018



NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Blue and Gold Alumni Association Inc.

Annual General Meeting

will be held on

Sunday 18 March 2018

at

1 Regent Court ,Oakden SA.

Commencing at **4pm**

Agenda

1. Welcome by the President
2. Apologies
3. Declaration of Proxies
4. Minutes of Previous Meeting
5. Business Arising from the Minutes
6. President's Report
7. Treasurer's Report
8. Secretary's Report
9. Election of President for 2018.
10. Election of Committee for 2018
11. Appointment of Auditor
12. Other Business
 - a. Centenary Celebration
 - b. Future of the Old Scholar's Association

BUFFET. The AGM will be followed by a buffet at no charge to members and partners. Please RSVP for catering purposes—see *enclosed form*

NOMINATIONS. Applications are now being sought from members interested in helping to maintain the association in the years ahead by joining the Committee now. *Nomination form is enclosed.*

At the time of this notice, David Stoba has been nominated for president and the following members of the committee offer themselves for re-election: Mark Brindal, Tom Frossinakis, Ian Saunders, Sue Thomson & Neil Merkel.

PROXY. As members, it is important that your voices be heard when decisions on the future policies of the association are under review. The constitution allows for the appointment of proxies to vote for those unable to attend the meeting in person. Those who were financial members in 2017 but are unable to attend the AGM are urged to appoint a proxy to vote on their behalf using the *enclosed form* .

Date of Notice: 1 February 2018